

MEETING NOTES

USAAV ANTI-VIOLENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 11, 2002, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Room 116, 3365 South 900 West

Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office

Present: Kari Cutler, Vernon Hairston, Verne Larsen, Mike Milne, Margaret Oak, Alicia Orgill, Maria Sanchez, Ned Searle, John Thomas, Karen Watkins, Sherm Watkins and Christine Watters

Staff: Susan Burke and Diane Ngatuvai

I. Welcome and Chair's Report

Chair Sherm Watkins welcomed everyone. He expressed his sadness at the passing of Leon PoVey, the USAAV Chair, on Friday, December 6th. The USAAV Council will miss his dedicated leadership and commitment to its causes.

II. Director's Report

a. 2003 Legislative Session: Susan Burke reviewed the bills that will be run of special interest to USAAV during the 2003 Legislative Session. *There was a motion made by Alicia Orgill to endorse the proposed Property Forfeiture Amendments legislation. The motion was seconded by Verne Larsen and was unanimously approved.* Christine Watters noted that there will be several domestic violence bills run during the upcoming session regarding bail and protective orders and also utilities and protective orders. Christine will get the detailed information on the bills out to the committee.

b. CCJJ Website: Susan demonstrated how to navigate the new CCJJ website. There is a section for Interactive Crime Data from 1990 through 2001. It shows crime statistics anywhere in the state and compares the rates per 100,000 population statewide and also nationally. This section may be especially helpful for grantees looking for crime analysis. Under the heading "Substance Abuse" the USAAV section can be found with current agendas and minutes for each of the USAAV committees. Legislative information for the January 2003 session will soon be available.

III. Public Nuisance Manual Revisions

Diane Ngatuvai referred to the public nuisance brochure draft entitled, "How To Rid Your Neighborhood of a Drug/Nuisance House." Input was given to improve the draft and work will continue on it. The brochure will be translated into the Spanish and Tongan languages. The goal is to have a finished product ready by the February meeting.

IV. State Grants Request for Proposal Revisions

Susan requested committee feedback regarding what priorities they would like to see emphasized this year in the State Gang and Crime Prevention grants. Members will e-mail or phone Susan with suggestions in developing the 2003 RFP. Verne Larsen proposed coordinating with the State Gang Prevention and Intervention Grant Program to ensure that there is no duplication. Two areas were mentioned that typically receive little focus: rape and sexual assault prevention and programs for child witnesses of domestic violence. Those committee members that would like to serve on a grant review committee were asked to contact Susan.

V. Performance Measures for UCRP

The performance measures for reducing domestic violence offenses were discussed. The percent of jurisdictions with victim advocate positions was easily identifiable with sixteen shelters statewide. However, the number of certified domestic violence counselors would be difficult to track. It was suggested that it read “**licensed** domestic violence counselors.” Margaret Oak mentioned that the Logan area relies heavily on trained, but not certified, volunteers. The best approach to tracking the number of protective orders filed will be brought before the Executive Committee of the Utah Domestic Violence Advisory Council (UDVAC). Christine Watters and Ned Searle will report back to the committee in the February meeting.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Anti-Violence Committee will be held on **Wednesday, February 12, 2003 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office.** The address is 3365 South 900 West.